

COHASSET'S VENERABLE PASTOR.

for Half a Century He Has Preached the Gospel.

On the 17th of July, 1842, Rev. Joseph Osgood preached his first sermon in Cohasset, Mass., and with very rare exceptions he has filled the same pulpit weekly ever since. There was therefore great interest as the fiftieth anniversary drew near, and the church



REV. JOSEPH OSGOOD, was closely packed. He took for his text Leviticus xxv, 3, "A jubilee shall the fiftieth year be unto you," and preached a sermon that interested all New England and now attracts some attention elsewhere.

It was such a wholesome, hopeful sermon. He declares that everything and almost everybody is getting better, and especially that "there never was so much progress made in pure Christianity as in the past century. Men are making dogma and ecclesiastical forms subordinate to the great central idea of holy living. In all the great denominations of Christendom this great central idea is advancing—that, after whatever a man may think and whatever forms he may adopt, character, good living, a life of honesty, justice, love, a life devoted to the highest and noblest ideals, is the essential thing in practice Christianity."

He was born in Kensington, N. H., Sept. 23, 1815, and was graduated from Harvard divinity school with the highest honors of his class in 1842. He went to Cohasset to teach and was called to preach. In 1844 he married Ellen Devereux Sewell, who is still with him, and they have living nine children and seventeen grandchildren. Among other reminiscences he gave these:

When I came here to preach there never had been a carpet on these aisles. We had no organ; an orchestra assisted the choir. There were people who could distinctly remember the Revolutionary war. Last spring a couple came to me to be married. The groom belonged to a family for whom I had performed pastoral duties for either funerals or weddings in six generations, and the bride also belonged to a family in which I had had the same experience, and performed parochial duties for six generations.

There was no important business then except fishing, about fifty vessels going out in the spring to fish. This gave employment to a great many, including coopers and sailmakers, while many others, by rigid economy and hard work, made a respectable living on their farms. In those times the Congregational societies were state societies. Men were compelled to pay for support of ministry, and to pay their taxes for support of preaching, as they were for all other needs of the town.

A Distinguished French Statesman.

The newspapers have had very little to say of Edouard Valery Gressier, who died recently, and yet he was one of France's most able statesmen. He was born in 1815, was educated in the law and in science, and became early in life counselor and advocate of the ministry of finance. Afterward he was elected a member of the council general for the canton of Corbie. He became a government deputy in the corps legislatif in 1864, and served on several important committees of that body, notably those having charge of the budget and of the law of military organization. M. Gressier was called to the ministry of agriculture, commerce and public works in 1868, and in that office gave special attention to the organization of higher instruction in agriculture and reform of farm schools. He was named a senator by decree on Dec. 28, 1869. After the fall of the empire he resumed his place at the bar of Paris.

The Long and Short of It.

The emperor of Germany, as everybody knows, is a soldier from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. Anything pertaining to the army interests him. He has just placed upon the wall of his study a large photograph of which he is very proud. It is a portrait, half life size, of the biggest and the smallest soldier of the Prussian army standing side by side. The former is Private Pritschan, of the First regiment of the Prussian guard. He stands 6 feet 7 3/4 inches in his boots, and when he presented himself at Dusseldorf for examination a special apparatus had to be provided with which to take his waist measure. His breadth is in proper proportion to his height. The smallest soldier is the hereditary prince. The picture is a unique one, showing a veritable giant, quite equal to any that figure in "Grimm's Tales" or other books of fables, and by his side a soldierly lilliputian.

Real White Foxskins.

It has generally been considered that white foxskins were of the same mythical nature as chickens' teeth, but a Vancouver furrier was exhibiting a short time ago what he claimed were the pelts of five white foxes. The man is an expert naturalist and has been dealing in furs in the northwest for forty years. He says these are the first white foxes he ever heard of, but he is absolutely sure the pelts are genuine foxskins. The conformation has been carefully preserved, and the big brush is of course attached. The fur is snow white, spotless and beautifully soft. The furrier brought them from a seal hunter, who caught the foxes at the last station to the north of eastern Siberia, several hundred miles north of Petropavlovsky.

A Giant Sewing Machine.

The popular idea of the sewing machine is an insignificant, looking little affair which can be readily pushed about from place to place by a child, but they are not all like that by any means. A giant sewing machine has lately been finished at Leeds, England. The machine, which is to be used for attaching cotton belting, is said to weigh 6 1/2 tons.

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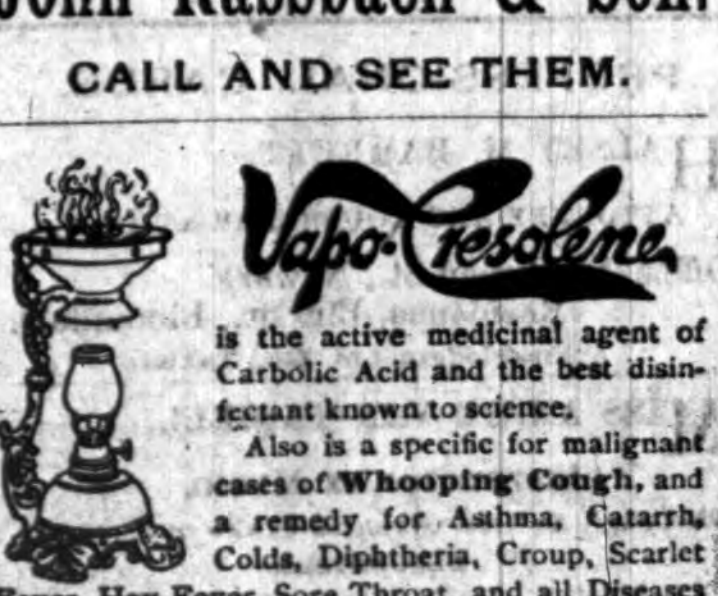
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